

**MINUTES OF THE  
EXECUTIVE OFFICES & CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE  
ROOM W015, WEST OFFICE BUILDING, STATE CAPITOL COMPLEX  
January 18, 2007**

**Members Present:** Sen. Michael G. Waddoups, Co-Chair  
Rep. Eric K. Hutchings, Co-Chair  
Sen. Scott D. McCoy  
Rep. Douglas C. Aagard  
Rep. Keith Grover  
Rep. Christopher N. Herrod  
Rep. Brad King  
Rep. Curtis Oda  
Rep. Jennifer M. Seelig

**Members Absent:** Sen. Curtis S. Bramble

**Staff Present:** Gary Ricks, Fiscal Analyst  
Derek Byrne, Fiscal Analyst  
Carrie Griffith, Committee Secretary

**Note:** A list of visitors and a copy of handouts are filed with the committee minutes.

Rep. Hutchings called the meeting to order at 2:24 p.m.

Rep. Hutchings reviewed the committee's intent for the beginning of each meeting, which will include (1) voting on the approval of base budgets for each department, and (2) putting together a list of building block priorities.

Rep. Hutchings stated that it doesn't necessarily mean monies will be funded because items are on the priority list. It means these items will be put on the list for consideration.

**Board of Pardons and Parole Voting and Review**

A handout was distributed by the Board of Pardons and Parole regarding budget and building block requests. Derek Byrne, Fiscal Analyst, explained the handout and stated the Analysts have recommended three of the requests but not a \$30,000 request for Attorney Contracts. He also reviewed the Department's Budget Brief.

**MOTION:** Sen. Waddoups moved to accept the base budget of \$3,227,800 and begin a priority list. The motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Rep. Aagard moved to approve the following Intent Language:

*"It is the intent of the Legislature that the funds for Board of Pardons and Parole line item shall not lapse."*

The motion passed unanimously.

### **State Treasurer Voting and Review**

Gary Ricks, Fiscal Analyst, briefly reviewed the Budget Brief of the State Treasurer.

MOTION: Rep. Oda moved to accept the base budget of \$2,541,000. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Rep. King moved to approve the following Intent Language:

*"The Legislature intends that funds provided for the State Treasurer shall not lapse."*

The motion passed unanimously.

### **State Auditor Voting and Review**

Mr. Ricks briefly reviewed the Budget Brief of the State Auditor.

MOTION: Rep. Grover moved to accept the Fiscal Analysts recommended budget of \$4,405,000. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Rep. Aagard moved to accept the following Intent Language:

*"The Legislature intends that funds provided for the State Auditor shall not lapse."*

MOTION: Rep. Aagard moved to add a Building Block Item of \$252,000 for Three Performance Auditors. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Courts Budget Review**

Derek Byrne, Fiscal Analyst, gave an overview of the Courts Budget Brief, comparing the Analysts and the Courts recommendations.

Dan Becker, Administrator, assisted by Kim Allard, Information Services Director, explained high and low performance measures in the Department.

Ms. Allard showed a detailed power-point presentation on Utah Courts CourTools Measures. Questions were raised by committee members and answered by Mr. Becker and Ms. Allard regarding the CourTools Measures presentation. Mr. Becker mentioned Utah is one of the first states that has adopted this program and are hoping they'll be able to compare themselves with other courts and states as they begin to use these tools.

Mr. Becker explained the Courts budget requests and gave an overview of the duties and responsibilities of the Courts. An added request, not recommended by the Analysts, is a self-litigant pilot project, modeled after a program in Alaska. He would like to recommend it as a one-time request because it's a pilot program and the department would like to see how it works.

Myron March, Deputy Court Administrator, addressed the committee. A handout regarding amortization of court funding was distributed and explained by Mr. March. He also covered issues regarding Security Fund and Court Security Officer requests.

The Department was thanked for their presentation. Positive comments were made by committee members regarding CourTools.

Rep. Hutchings recessed the meeting for a short break at 4:24 p.m.

Rep. Hutchings resumed the meeting at 4:34 p.m.

### **Governor's Office Budget Review**

Gary Ricks, Fiscal Analyst, gave an overview of the Governor's Office Budget Brief. He stated the Analyst is not making recommendations for building blocks but will turn time over to the Governor's Office to explore that with the committee.

John Nixon, Director of the Governor's Office Planning and Budget, assisted by Sandy Naegle, Budget Manager, explained a handout titled "Governor's Line Item Budget Additions." Mr. Nixon encouraged the committee to support the Energy Incentive Fund request.

Ms. Naegle answered questions raised by committee members concerning performance auditors for the auditor's office.

Laura Nelson, Energy Advisor, explained alternative energy developments.

**Lt. Governor's Office**

Michael Craggun, Deputy Director, addressed the committee. He explained the Department's requests for funding and clarified the difference between warranty vs. maintenance agreements.

Robert Yeates, Director--CCJJ, assisted by Dave Walsh, Budget Analyst--CCJJ, Scott Carver, Director Sentencing Commission--CCJJ, and Mary Lou Emerson, Director USAFE Council, introduced several members of the Commission. Several handouts were distributed and discussed.

Ms. Emerson explained a handout referring to budget requests relating to methamphetamine use.

Richard Ziebarth, Program Manager CCJJ, explained handouts relating to Drug Task Force and Criminal Forfeiture Restricted Account Funding building block recommendations.

Ron Gordon, Crime Victim Reparation Program, explained the handout referring to Switch in Crime Victims Reparations Funding building block recommendations.

Mr. Walsh explained the handout referring to Extraditions building block recommendations.

The Commission was thanked for their presentation.

MOTION: Rep. Grover moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Rep. Hutchings adjourned the meeting at 5:32 p.m.

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Sen. Michael G. Waddoups, Co-Chair

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Rep. Eric K. Hutchings, Co-Chair